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SUBJ: KOREA IN 28TH UNGA: NOV 10 MEG KEY COSPONSORS

SUMMARY: WE INFORMED KEY KOREA COSPONSORS NOVEMBER 10 OF CONSENSUS AGREEMENT WORKED OUT WITH CHINESE. ROK AMB PARK STRONGLY ENDORSED RESULT OF NEGOTIATIONS. REACTION GENERALLY ENTHUSIASTIC AND WE EXPECT ALL TO RECOMMEND ACCEPTANCE TO THEIR CAPITALS. AT MEETING WE STRESSED NEED FOR CONFIDENTIALITY AS STRONGLY AS POSSIBLE, INSURING OTHERS WOULD BE IN NO DOUBT THAT LEAK WOULD THREATEN POSSIBILITY OF AVOIDING VOTES ON TWO RESES. ALTHOUGH OTHERS DID NOT SEEM TO QUESTION PRC'S GOOD FAITH, SOME DOUBTED CHINESE ABILITY TO DELIVER DPRK COSPONSORS. END SUMMARY.

1. KEY COSPONSORS OF FRIENDLY KOREA RESOLUTION MET NOVEMBER 10 AT USUN IN RESPONSE TO OUR INVITATION EXTENDED PREVIOUS EVENING. PARTICIPANTS WERE AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, UK NETHERLANDS, CANADA, N.Z., ROK. AMB BENNETT, WHO CHAIRED, REVEALED NATURE OF PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT WITH CHINESE POINTING OUT THERE STILL SOME UNSERTAINTY ON CHINESE SIDE. IN SUMMARIZING NEGOTIATIONS, BENNETT, SUPPLEMENTED BY MISOFF, EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF CONFIDENTIALITY, MAKING CLEAR THAT PREMATURE LEAK ON NEGOTIATIONS COULD JEOPARDIZE CONSENSUS.
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BENNETT ALSO EXPLAINED OUR AGREEMENT TO HUANG'S INSISTENCE THAT WE MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO INSURE THAT CENTRAL ROLE OF US-PRC WOULD NOT BE REVEALED EVEN AFTER CONSENSUS AGREEMENT CONFIRMED AND PUBLICIZED. WE SAID THAT AMB SCALI

HAD PROMISED WE WOULD IMPRESS UPON KEY COSPONSORS HOW IMPORTANT THIS ASPECT WAS TO CHINESE. WE REPORTED THAT CHINESE HAD REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED THAT SECRECY ABOUT CONTENTS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT AT PRESENT STAGE BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS WHICH THEY ENCOUNTERING ON THEIR SIDE.

2. ROK AMB PARK MADE CLEAR THAT ROKG FULLY SUPPORTED AND ENDORSED AGREEMENT. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN FULLY INFORMED AND CONSULTED DURING ENTIRE PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS. HE SAID THAT TALKS WITH CHINESE SUCCEEDED IN PRODUCING ACCEPTABLE FORMULA, REPRESENTING A NEW ELEMENT OF QUIET DIPLOMACY OF HIGH ORDER ON KOREAN QUESTION. ROK HOPES THIS ENDEAVOR WOULD HELP OPEN NEW ROADS TO FINDING MORE FAVORABLE AND DURABLE SOLUTIONS ON KOREAN QUESTION IN FUTURE. AMB PARK THEN FORMALLY RECOMMENDED THAT CG APPROVE OF THREE POINT AGREEMENT INCLUDING TEXT OF CONSENSUS STATEMENT.

3. THESE OPENING PRESENTATIONS STIMULATED DISCUSSION RANGING FROM NEGOTIATING PROCESS TO PROBLEMS TO BE RESOLVED IN NEXT FEW DAYS. SOME DOUBTS WERE EXPRESSED THAT CHINESE WOULD BE ABLE TO DELIVER ON THEIR SIDE OF BARGAIN, INCLUDING PERSUADING USSR AND OTHERS, ALTHOUGH THERE SEEMED TO BE NO DISPOSITION TO QUESTION CHINESE GOOD FAITH. WE REPORTED HUANG'S STATEMENT THAT HE EMPOWERED TO ACT FOR DPRK IN TALKS WITH US AND THAT DPRK WOULD SELL AGREEMENT TO COSPONSORS.

4. PARTICIPANTS SKEPTICAL ABOUT ABILITY TO HIDE US-PRC ROLE FOR EXTENDED PERIOD, ALTHOUGH GROUP APPEARED TO ACCEPT PRINCIPLE OF SCENARIO BY WHICH WE WOULD IMPLEMENT SCALI-HUANG AGREEMENT TO TREAT CONSENSUS AS ONE DEVELOPED NATURALLY BY VARIOUS MEMBERS OF BOTH SIDES. IN THIS CONNECTION, SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS SUGGESTED DESIRABILITY, WHICH WE ENDORSED, OF ANOTHER DELEGATION HOSTING COSPONSORS MEETING PLANNED FOR MONDAY. AMB. PARK AT THAT MEETING WOULD BE PRINCIPLE SPEAKER SEEKING COSPONSORS SUPPORT FOR CONSENSUS ARRANGEMENT.

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BENNETT URGED THAT UNTIL AFTER ALL COSPONSORS APPRISED, GROUP "NO COMMENT" ALL PRESS INQUIRIES, AS WE HAD AGREED WITH PRC.

5. WE HELD INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF WHETHER FIRST COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SHOULD ANNOUNCE CONSENSUS AT BEGINNING OR END OF DEBATE AND OF DESIRABILITY OF POSTPONING OPENING DAY OF DEBATE.

6. MEETING CLOSED WITH AGREEMENT THAT PARTICIPANTS WOULD REMAIN IN TOUCH OVER WEEKEND AS REQUIRED BY DEVELOPMENT WITHIN NORTH KOREA'S GROUP.

7. COMMENT: WHILE PARTICIPATING DELEGATIONS UNABLE
MAKE FULL COMMITMENT DURING MEETING THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS
WOULD SUPPORT AGREEMENT, REMARKS DURING MEETING
AND LESS RESTRAINED COMMENTS AFTERWARD INDICATE THAT
THEY WILL ENDORSE AGREEMENT AND WORDING OF
STATEMENT. AFTER MEETING, SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS EXPRESSED
GENUINE SURPRISE THAT PRC WILLING TO AGREE TO STATEMENT
THAT GOES SO FAR TOWARD ROK POSITION AND DOES NOT IN-
CLUDE REFERENCE TO UNC AND FOREIGN TROOPS. END COMMENT.
BENNETT

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